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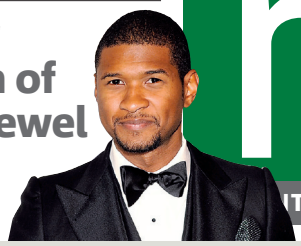

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Toronto zoo stomped by rights group

WORST Toronto has become the first Canadian entry on an animal rights group's list of the 10 worst zoos for elephants.

California-based In Defense of Animals put Toronto's zoo second after San Antonio's. Others include city zoos in Houston, the Bronx, and Toledo, Ohio. The group, which based its conclusions on Toronto contacts and media reports, says the zoo's enclosure lacks the space, natural conditions and especially the climate elephants need. Pachyderms are dying at an "unprecedented rate," the group said in a release yesterday, noting the zoo has lost four elephants "prematurely" in four years — two just last year. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

My dear! ... Watson

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Actress Rachel McAdams, who was born in London, Ont., and now lives in Toronto, attends the German premiere yesterday for Sherlock Holmes at CineStar in Berlin.

Infant survives

Mother hit and killed crossing intersection

One second, Chris Stanfield saw a woman crossing the intersection, pushing a stroller. The next moment, she was pinned under a car and a 12-week-old infant was knocked to the ground.

"I didn't see it happen but heard the impact (of the collision)," Stanfield said. A quick-thinking pedestrian picked up the baby boy and handed him to Stanfield, who had been waiting for the traffic lights to turn green at Eglinton Avenue and Martin Grove Road. He took the infant to his SUV to keep him warm.

"What I say is the hero here is the woman, the pedestrian, who stopped right after the collision to pick up the child." Const. Hugh Smith

But the boy's 28-year-old mother wasn't so lucky — she died within 15 minutes of the collision yesterday.

Police said the woman was crossing Eglinton Avenue from the southwest side at about 12:45 p.m., when an 83-year-old woman driving northbound ran a red light and slammed into her.

"She failed to stop at (the) lights and somebody has lost her life," said Const. Hugh Smith of Toronto Traffic Services. "It's a bad situation all around."

Smith said pedestrians had waited for the walk sign before crossing the road.

Early reports suggested the young mother tried to push the stroller out of harm's way, but Smith said it's not clear if that happened.

"What I say is the hero here is the woman, the pedestrian, who stopped right after the collision to pick up the child," he said. "The baby could have gone into shock on the cold ground at that age."

The baby boy was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children with minor injuries. As of last night, Childrens' Aid workers were still trying to locate a relative who could care for the child, Smith said.

Smith said the driver of the green Toyota Camry could be charged with careless driving or dangerous driving causing death.

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Sexual connotation leads to magazine name change

INNUENDO After 90 years, venerable history magazine The Beaver is getting a new moniker, in part because of the sexual connotation of its name.

The Winnipeg-based publication will be relaunched in the spring as Canada's History. The innuendo of the old name was causing problems for the magazine online, said Deborah Morrison, president and CEO of Canada's National History Society, which publishes The Beaver.

"Because of the sexual connotations that this next generation of Canadians have adopted for the name, 'The Beaver,' there were some very practical challenges," she said.

"Every once in awhile we would have readers call and say: 'You know, you've got to do something about the name.'"

A look at visits to the magazine's website also indicated the name was confusing to some, added Morrison.

"We noticed monitoring our web traffic that the average visitor time to our website was eight seconds. And I have a feeling that might be because a lot of people going to the site weren't exactly looking for Canadian history content," she said.

Morrison also said market research strongly indicated that some readers — particularly women and readers under age 45 — were turned off by the title of the magazine.

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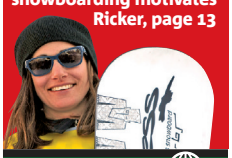

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Carroll opts out of mayoralty race

The field is narrowing in the race to be Toronto's next mayor after budget chief Shelley Carroll announced yesterday she would seek re-election as a councillor. Carroll joined John Tory in staying out of the Oct. 25 mayoralty race, where the declared candidates already include George Smitherman, Rocco Rossi and Giorgio Mammoliti. Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone plans to file his papers today and Councillor Adam Giambrone is expected to decide by the end of the month. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Teachers hold strike vote today

200,000 full-time college students could be out of class in February

Premier Dalton McGuinty encouraged both sides yesterday to work together to avoid a strike at Ontario's two dozen community colleges that would end classes for at least 200,000 full-time students.

About 9,000 college instructors will vote today on whether to give their union a strike mandate after five months of talks with the colleges broke down Dec. 15.

Ted Montgomery, chairman of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union's bargaining team, which represents faculty members, said in an interview yesterday if members vote in favour of a strike, a walkout wouldn't happen for at least a month.

The premier said he had faith in both sides to uphold the interests of students and spoke about the effects any job action could have on Ontario's economy.

"In a knowledge-based economy, this is a not just about the interests of the students, it's about our collective interests in having a highly skilled and educated workforce," McGuinty said following an event in Chatham, Ont.

"Whenever you put learning on hold, you're not just compromising the interests of the students and families affected, you're compromising our shared interests in a bright future."

Key issues are workload, academic freedom and management's decision in November to impose its offer on the teachers without a vote, said Montgomery. Workload was also the top issue when college teachers went on strike for three weeks back in 2006, he said.

The previous contract expired Aug. 31, 2009.

Both sides indicated a willingness to resume talks although none are scheduled.

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Student reaction

• The possibility of a strike has students like Graeme McNaughton, 21, worried. The Humber College journalism student started a Facebook group called Ontario College Students Against A Strike, which had more than 22,700 members by mid-afternoon yesterday. More than 4,100 of them had signed his online petition, calling on colleges and the union to avert a strike that students fear could cost them their semester. The petition was presented to union and college representatives over the lunch hour, McNaughton said. Students want both sides to resume bargaining, he said.

Let the registrations begin

EDUCATION Now that boards across the province know which schools will offer full-day kindergarten this fall, some are figuring out how to handle a surge in demand for the program that could save working parents thousands a year in daycare costs for their four- and five-year-olds.

An official in Premier Dalton McGuinty's office said after yesterday's announcement, which named the almost-600 schools in the first phase, that individual boards must decide what to do if demand exceeds spots. Kindergarten registration revs up this month and next, and lotteries might be an answer.

"We can't afford to fund all of this instantly," McGuinty said at an elementary school in Chatham. "We'd ask those parents to be patient."

In York Region, only families living in-district will be eligible for the full-day program at 25 schools, said spokesperson Ross Virgo.

At the Durham District School Board, in the rare case a school can't accommodate local children, the board will work with the ministry to solve the problem, said superintendent Lisa Millar.

Karen Grose, a system superintendent with the Toronto District School Board, said lotteries are possible but "the first challenge is to measure the demand for the program."

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Education Minister Kathleen Wynne made an important announcement at David Hornell Junior School in Etobicoke about full-day learning coming to 101 Toronto schools.

Minister quits cabinet

LEGISLATURE Premier Dalton McGuinty has named Environment Minister John Gerretsen as Ontario's new interim minister of municipal affairs and housing.

Former minister Jim Watson confirmed yesterday he's quitting cabinet, and will resign as a member of the Ontario legislature, to run for mayor of Ottawa.

The premier has up to six months after a resignation to call a byelection and he is not expected to move as quickly to fill the Ottawa-West Nepean seat vacated by Watson.

> **"By departing provincial politics to seek election at the municipal level, Jim is demonstrating his belief in public service."**
> Dalton McGuinty

"By departing provincial politics to seek election at the municipal level, Jim is demonstrating his belief in public service and commitment to improving the lives of families in my hometown of Ottawa," McGuinty said in a release yesterday.

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News in brief

LIFTED A ban on publishing the name of an Oshawa man and the toddler he is accused of murdering has been lifted. On Friday, the Crown attorney requested and was granted a complete ban on the names of 26-year-old Michael Harvey Monckton and Keagan Davis, age 2½. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Assault suspect surrenders

Police say a second suspect wanted in a sexual assault investigation has surrendered. Jacob Samuel Videki, 19, of Toronto, has been charged with sexual assault. Nicholas Vozgenikov, 20, was charged Monday with sexual assault and assault causing bodily harm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baking a big plant

Canada Bread eyes new site

Canada Bread Co. says it plans to open the country's biggest bakery somewhere in southwestern Ontario, an area that has been hard-hit by the recent economic downturn and a longer-term loss of manufacturing jobs.

The new 300-job bakery announced yesterday comes as Canada's largest breadmaker lays out plans to shutter the operations of three smaller Toronto bakeries that the company says are aging and unable to expand.

A spokeswoman for Canada Bread said the Toronto-based company will begin negotiations with several municipalities this week to determine where it will build the new facility.

Ontario municipalities aggressively compete to attract the food sector, recognized as an economic driver in a province that has been hurt by the downturn in the North American auto sector and other manufacturing industries.

Brantford, Ont., has a "food cluster task force" that has solicited investments from 21 food manufacturers including Maidstone Bakeries, which produces Tim Horton's products, and the North American facility for Ferrero Group, an Italian food company. The sector accounts for about 2,000 jobs in the region.

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Products

- Canada Bread Co. makes bread, buns, rolls, bagels and other baked products under the Dempster's brand.

Funding **Revamping the Bat Cave**

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Infrastructure Minister John Baird, from left, executive director of ROM governors Marie Bountrogianni and ROM chair Salvatore Badali admire an Atruscan female head from 500 B.C. yesterday. Baird was on hand to promise $2.75 million for two permanent galleries of Roman and Byzantine artifacts in addition to the revamping of the Royal Ontario Museum's Bat Cave, in which Roman and Byzantine artifacts are displayed.

Toronto 18 aimed to kill, informant says

TESTIMONY Court is hearing that an accused Toronto 18 member said it would be "good" if people were killed in a terror bomb plot.

Shareef Abdelhaleem, 34, has pleaded not guilty to participating in a terror group and intending to cause an explosion.

He and 17 others were charged in a plot to bomb targets around Ontario in 2006.

An informant is testifying in a Brampton courtroom that Abdelhaleem was against the plot leader's plan to put metal chips in the bombs as that would increase the number of deaths.

But the informant, who was paid more than $4 million by the RCMP, says Abdelhaleem thought a small amount of deaths would be good as it would show people they were serious.

The informant says Abdelhaleem floated a number of other ideas about ways to inflict casualties including at a football game, poisoning food at a factory or targeting Square One mall in Mississauga.

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McGuinty backs Fantino

COURT Ontario's premier says he doesn't believe OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino should step aside while the courts probe allegations that he threatened municipal officials.

Julian Fantino

Premier Dalton McGuinty downplayed the allegations, calling them "private information ... put forward by a private citizen" — and said he'll let the case work its way through the courts.

When pressed on whether Fantino should take a leave from his duties, McGuinty said he didn't think such a step was required.

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News in brief

CRIME A person charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of 15-year-old Jane Creba on Boxing Day 2005 has been acquitted. The 20-year-old is known only as G.C. because he was underage at the time of the gunfight on Yonge Street.

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Fisheries minister promotes seal products in Chinese

Canada's fisheries minister is trying to drum up new trade opportunities for seal products in China as the European market shuts its doors to the maligned goods. Gail Shea says she has met with a seal marketing group and importers of Canadian seal products over the last couple of days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Union to file bargaining complaint

The United Steelworkers union says it will file a bad-faith bargaining complaint against Vale Inco. The union says it plans to file the complaint at the Ontario Labour Relations Board in Toronto today, as its strike against Vale Inco operations in Sudbury, Ont., and two other Canadian sites enters its seventh month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terror plot a pilot project?

A Christmas Day attempt to bomb an airplane may have been a "pilot project" for followup attempts by extremists, says Canada's public safety minister.

But Peter Van Loan offered no evidence to back up his theory yesterday, saying it's best not to discuss specifics.

"We've seen that these terrorist groups tend to go in series, or in sequence events, so that's what we're worried about here," he said.

"We were dealing with kind of a new approach with the technology that was used on Christmas Day. That may very well have been, if you will, a kind of pilot project by the organization to see how viable it was."

Federal officials also provided new details yesterday about plans to more closely observe people at airports to ferret out threats.

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority has issued a tender for its planned airport behaviour observation program based on "risk-based security principles to screen passengers and identify those with potential malicious intent."

It solicits bids to design the program, recruit and train staff, and develop learning materials in order to have the system in place by the end of May.

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Ignatieff blasts PM's proroguing explanations

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is ridiculing the Conservative government's evolving explanations for shutting down Parliament but is also signalling he hopes to avoid a confrontation over the budget.

In an interview broadcast earlier this week, Prime Minister Stephen Harper claimed proroguing Parliament allows him to avoid instability as his minority government prepares a new economic agenda.

Harper said parliamentary hijinks, such as votes of confidence and rampant election speculation, were interpreted negatively by financial markets.

This was a marked departure from the government's previous justifications, which centred on the need to draw up a new recovery plan for the economy.

Ignatieff dismissed Harper's latest explanation out of hand yesterday, saying, "The idea that democracy creates instability is ridiculous."

Ignatieff also stressed his party won't be making its support of the federal budget conditional on seeing its proposals included in the final draft.

"We will not put absolute conditions on our support," he said. "These are positive suggestions."

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A stop sign controls traffic near the Parliament buildings in Ottawa yesterday. Parliament will return to work following the Olympics, which begin Feb. 12.

News in brief

ARCTIC The CIA is once again routinely monitoring the Arctic's rapidly shrinking ice cap and sharing spy satellite photos with climate-change scientists. The little-known CIA program has been restarted after being shuttered by the George W. Bush administration for several years.

COURT An American steel company argued in Federal Court yesterday that legislation governing foreign investment in Canada is "essentially flawed" because it doesn't define how an investor can justify failure to meet promises made to the government.

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In a nation in dire need of doctors, why do many Afghan med students say they will never practice? Scan this code for the story.

Power battle between Newfoundland and Quebec heats up

Newfoundland and Labrador's latest offensive against Hydro-Quebec begins next week as the province asks Quebec's energy board to reduce the costs to plug power from Lower Churchill to Quebec's grid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charest, Harper play nice

PM, Quebec Premier agree to disagree over climate issue

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is playing down any rift between Ottawa and Quebec on environmental issues.

The two governments don't necessarily agree on everything but do share major objectives, Harper said yesterday.

The prime minister and Premier Jean Charest were attending a news conference in Riviere-du-Loup, Que., where they announced financial contributions to an environmental project in nearby Cacouna.

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Premier Jean Charest responds to media questions as Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on yesterday in Riviere-du-Loup, Que.

"Our governments don't always agree but that doesn't mean we don't work together when we share objectives," Harper told the news conference.

"It doesn't mean we're miles apart. It doesn't mean we don't work together on the things that we have in common."

The joint appearance by the two politicians comes about a month after Charest publicly blasted the federal government for not adopting more aggressive targets to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

Charest told yesterday's news conference he will continue to defend Quebec's interests but that it is still possible for both governments to work together. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilsands not solely to blame for emissions, think-tank says

REPORT Alberta's oilsands shouldn't be singled out as the reason for the country's poor record on greenhouse gas emissions, the Conference Board of Canada said in a report yesterday.

The Ottawa-based private-sector think-tank said road transportation accounted for 18 per cent of total Canadian greenhouse-gas emissions in 2007.

That's more than three times what was produced that year by the oilsands which, by comparison, accounted for a relatively small five per cent of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions.

The Conference Board report said emissions from oilsands will grow as production doubles over the next decade but it says energy users have a role to play as well. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

EXOTIC ANIMALS Premier Dalton McGuinty says the government will review its policies to see if Ontario should regulate the keeping of exotic animals like the tiger that killed its owner near London. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ON DECEMBER 30TH, STEPHEN HARPER SHUT DOWN PARLIAMENT – OUT OF SELF-INTEREST.

While Canada was on the hot seat in Copenhagen because of Conservative failure on the environment, while Harper and his Conservatives were under attack for their cover-up in the Afghan torture scandal and while more than 1.6 million of Canadians are out of work and the deficit hit a new record, Stephen Harper thought he would sneak a fast one by you. He thought he could shut down Parliament while you weren't paying attention. What's Stephen Harper trying to hide? What's his *real* agenda? Why doesn't he want to face Parliament? **Liberals are working.**

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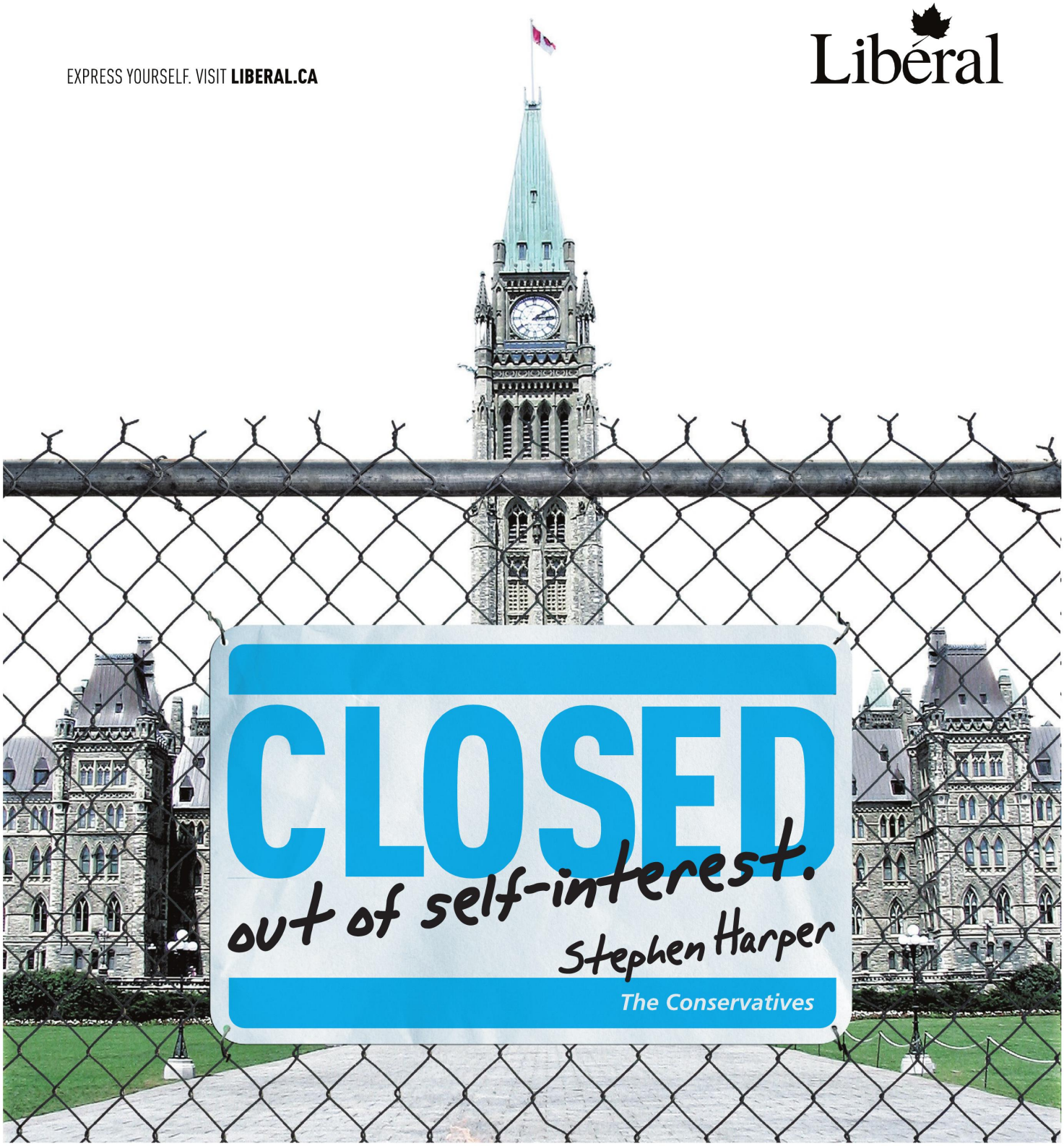

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Miep Gies – a story of courage

TheWestView

Buried under this week's news about a monumental ego leaving American Idol was the passing of a monumental human being.

You probably don't need me to tell you who Simon Cowell is. He's a one-man media juggernaut. Miep Gies, on the other hand, was a little old lady. Little, as in barely five feet tall; old, as in 100.

Cowell has become one of the richest people in show business by being rude to the poor schlumps who lurch across the Idol stage, pathetically hoping to become a star. Gies lived quietly in a three-room apartment in an obscure town in Holland, but was famous in her own way.

It is my fervent hope that long after Cowell has faded into obscurity, the memory of Miep Gies and her remarkable story will endure.

During the Second World War, Gies made a decision that gave history a little nudge, allowing a tiny voice of goodness to emerge from the immense evil of the Holocaust. Gies and her husband and several others were the non-Jews who decided to risk everything and hide Anne Frank and her family from the Nazi Final Solution. When Anne was captured and transported to the death camps, Gies retrieved and preserved her diary.

When Anne's father, the only surviving member of the Frank family, returned to Amsterdam after the war, Gies gave him the diary; it has gone on to sell more than 30 million copies in 67 languages.

Thanks to Miep Gies, the millions who were murdered by Hitler have a human face. Today, as memories dim and die, good (barely) manages to hold its own in the daily struggle with evil in the insidious form of Holocaust denial — thanks to Miep Gies.

While she spent her life bearing witness to the courage and humanity of Anne Frank, Gies underrated her own courage. "I am not a hero," she said many times. If people see her as a heroine, she feared, they will doubt their own capacity to do what she did. And she did it, she said, because it seemed necessary at the time.

For most of my life I've wondered what I would consider "necessary" in the same situation. I worry that, like millions, I would have just kept my head down, or worse, wrote enthusiastic pro-Nazi columns. It's a lot easier to be craven than brave.

But I like to think if a tiny woman, an ordinary secretary, could stand tall and courageous in the face of evil, so could I. Could you? As long as we take heart and remember Miep Gies and her extraordinary story, there's hope for both of us.

Miep Gies died Monday night. She was my hero.

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Word on the street: If life on planets outside our solar system is confirmed, will that alter your spiritual/religious beliefs?

Beverly Petrovic
Toronto

A: No, I don't think it would alter my religious beliefs ... but I would be interested to find out what their (religious beliefs) were ... If it made sense, why not look into it further.

Hiba Kesebi
Toronto

A: No, I don't think religion is only specific to Earth. Rather, it involves the entire universe ... so whether there's life on Mars or not, it shouldn't alter one's beliefs.

Ronak Ghorbani
Toronto

A: No ... I'm an atheist. For me it would just prove science even more ... I just think that it would further the atheist argument that there is no God because it would show that living things exist outside of Earth.

Hashen Hamdy
Ottawa

A: It won't change my religious or spiritual beliefs, but it will change my political belief in that I'll need to conquer them as well.

Jennifer Ripley
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A: No, I don't think it would. I'm pretty firm in my belief and I don't think it would change it at all. It would be very interesting if that were true, but as of right now I don't think that would change it.

Altaf Ledha
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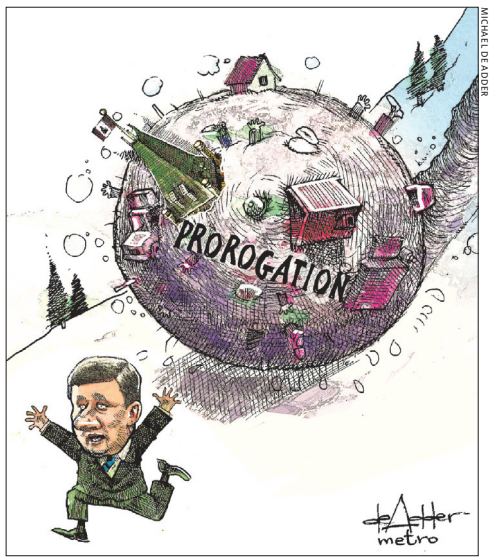
A: No. I believe more spiritual than religious, so I keep an open mind ... if something like that happened, it wouldn't surprise me.



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Hundreds of people, including U.S. President Barack Obama, gathered in Delaware yesterday to pay their respects to Vice-President Joe Biden's mother, Jean. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Thousands feared dead in Haiti quake

The largest earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years rocked the Caribbean nation yesterday, collapsing a hospital where people screamed for help and heavily damaging other buildings. U.S. officials reported bodies lying in the streets.

Communications were widely disrupted, making it impossible to get a clear picture of damage as powerful aftershocks shook a desperately poor country where many buildings are flimsy. Electricity was out in some places.

Karel Zelenka, a Catholic Relief Services representative in the capital of Port-au-Prince, told U.S. colleagues before phone service failed that "there must be thousands of people dead," according to a spokeswoman for the aid group, Sara Fajardo. "He reported that it was just total disaster and chaos, that there were clouds of dust surrounding Port-au-Prince," Fajardo said.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 and was centred about 15 kilometres west of Port-au-Prince, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It was the largest quake recorded in the area and the first major one since a magnitude-6.7 temblor in 1984, USGS analyst Dale Grant said.

An Associated Press videographer saw the wrecked hospital in Petionville, a hillside Port-au-Prince district. A U.S. government official reported seeing houses that had tumbled into a ravine.

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Ready to help

- The Canadian government says it's ready to assist Haiti. Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon says about 6,000 Canadians are believed to be in the country. Gov-Gen Michaëlle Jean, who is of Haitian origin, says the natural disaster has hit "a country with an extremely fragile infrastructure, where many buildings are already unstable."

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Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister, Danny Ayalon, left, meets with Turkish ambassador to Israel Ahmet Oguz Celikkol, right, in Jerusalem on Monday. Ayalon said the ambassador was pointedly seated on a sofa lower than his own chair. He also noted there was no Turkish flag on display.

Snub exposes Israeli-Turkish rift

MIDDLE EAST Even in the tough world of Middle East diplomacy, it was a startling snub: The Turkish ambassador seated lower than his Israeli host, denied not only a handshake but a smile — all for the benefit of Israeli TV crews.

Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon offered a humiliating reprimand of Ankara's envoy — ostensibly over a TV show. His actions drew an angry response from Turkey yesterday, exposing a deep rift that has emerged over the past year between the Jewish state and its closest friend in the Muslim world.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan reignited tensions this week when he accused Israel of being a threat to world peace. A Turkish TV drama, "The Valley of the Wolves," which depicts Israeli security forces as kidnapping children and shooting old men, has added to the hostilities.

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News in brief

IRAN A nuclear physics professor who publicly backed Iranian opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi in the disputed June presidential election was killed yesterday when a bomb-rigged motorcycle blew up outside his home. State media identified the victim as Masoud Ali Mohammadi, a professor at Tehran University, which has been at the centre of recent protests by opposition supporters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. trade deficit increases

The U.S. trade deficit jumped to the highest level in 10 months as an improving economy pushed up American demand for imports. However, exports rose as well, boosted by a weaker U.S. dollar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SCANLIFE

Newly unveiled Cadillac hybrid sets new "paradigm," may be built in Canada. Scan this code for the story.

Business in brief

ACQUISITION Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Canada has acquired the professional services consulting group of MTS Allstream and struck an alliance with MTS, the business telecom subsidiary of Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. Under the transaction announced yesterday, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Canada will acquire the majority of MTS Allstream's non-telecom IT consulting group, which has 180 employees and about $50 million in annual sales. Pricewaterhouse-Coopers said the acquisition will impact PwC offices in Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Edmonton, St. John's and Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada returns to trade deficit

Exports up, but imports jump 3.9%

Canada was pulled back into a trade deficit in November as the country faced twin headwinds of both a strong loonie and weaker demand for exports after a surprisingly strong performance the previous month.

The value of exports from Canada rose 1.1 per cent from October, but imports jumped 3.9 per cent, producing a deficit of $344 million. In October, Canada posted its first trade surplus in months at $503 million.

In terms of volume, exports fell a disappointing 0.1 per cent in November, Statistics Canada reported.

Economists say with the loonie worth nearly as much as the American dollar, and potentially reaching parity within the year, the prospects for 2010 remain bleak for Canadian exporters.

"Don't look for a quick return to the halcyon days of big surpluses any time soon with domestic demand reviving faster than U.S. spending, and the Canadian dollar remaining lofty," BMO Capital Markets economist Douglas Porter wrote in an analysis of the trade data.

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$31.6B In November, Canadian exports increased to $31.6 billion — the fifth increase in six months — as prices rose 1.1 per cent and volumes remained unchanged, Statistics Canada said.

Cadbury, Kraft fight turns bitter

TAKEOVER British candy maker Cadbury PLC yesterday stepped up its defence against a hostile takeover bid from Kraft Foods Inc. by announcing that full-year results will beat expectations and pledging a 10 per cent hike in dividend.

Cadbury said Kraft's $16.5-billion US bid was too low and the share portion of the offer was unappealing because of the U.S. company's "poor track record of delivery."

"Don't let Kraft steal your company with its derisory offer," Cadbury chairman Roger Carr told shareholders.

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Saab protest
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Chain's 'alpha meatballs'

Domino's admits pizza was bad in new ads

For a pizza joint, it's a bold move to tell customers your crust tasted like cardboard and your sauce was like ketchup.

But that's just what Domino's Pizza Inc. has been saying since last month in untraditional ads about the recipes it abandoned when it launched its reformulated pizza.

As industry observers — and even a late night TV host — scratch their heads, the company's incoming CEO said the chain had no choice but to be honest about its old recipe pizza if it had any hope of winning back customers.

"The old days of trying to spin things simply doesn't work anymore," president Patrick Doyle, who will become CEO in March, told The Associated Press in an interview.

"Great brands going forward are going to have a level of honesty and transparency that hasn't been seen before."

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In this product image provided by Domino's, the company's new reformulated pizza is shown. The company's incoming CEO said the chain had no choice but to be honest about its pizza if it has any hope of winning back customers.

It's the brutally honest tone that's causing many to take notice.

"It takes alpha meatballs to stand up and say 'America, we suck,'" comedian Stephen Colbert said while lampooning the campaign on his show last week.

Executives said the chain decided to overhaul its recipe about 18 months ago after mounting criticism from focus groups and on social media sites.

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Sports

Cujo makes it official

Curtis Joseph, left, the winningest goaltender in National Hockey League history to have never won the Stanley Cup, announced his retirement yesterday. The 42-year-old ended his 19-year career with 454 wins, trailing only Martin Brodeur (585), Patrick Roy (551) and Ed Belfour (484) for the most in NHL history. "It's a good day and been a great career," an upbeat Joseph said. "I'm extremely happy and certainly felt like I didn't leave anything on the table." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports in brief

NHL The NHL's top disciplinarian, Colin Campbell, is looking into Vancouver Canucks forward Alexandre Burrows' spat with referee Stephane Auger. Burrows accused Auger of making payback penalty calls against him in the Canucks' 3-2 loss to the Nashville Predators Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Habs' power play is back atop the league, now if they could only get more opponents to misbehave. Scan this code for the story.

Leafs fall to hapless Hurricanes

NHL RESULTS

Hurricanes 4 Leafs 2

VS

The first-round draft pick the Toronto Maple Leafs sent to Boston for Phil Kessel is starting to look better and better to the Bruins.

Patrick Dwyer scored with less than five minutes remaining last night as the last-place Carolina Hurricanes beat the Maple Leafs 4-2. It was the fourth straight loss for a Toronto team that only has one goal from Kessel over the past 13 games. The Leafs acquired the sniper prior to the season for three draft picks — and the first rounder in 2010 would be an awfully good one if the season ended today.

Eric Staal, Brandon Sutter and Ray Whitney also had goals for Carolina (14-24-7), which has just four road wins in 22 games.

Lee Stempniak and Nikolai Kulemin replied for the Maple Leafs (15-23-9).

The few fans remaining at the Air Canada Centre booed meekly as time ran out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Time to trade Kaberle

The case for dealing away team's top blue-liner

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The new year always brings a fresh perspective on most matters, including the direction of NHL teams and the players who comprise them.

So, after a brief vacation — and after watching the Toronto Maple Leafs pratfall their way through the latter half of December and the first couple weeks January — I've concluded that the Leafs and front-line defenceman Tomas Kaberle should part ways at their nearest convenience.

First of all, Toronto's recent skid should be all the evidence required to demonstrate they won't make the playoffs this season. And with one year after this remaining on Kaberle's very affordable contract, there will be no better time to deal him than now.

Who else is more valuable trade bait on this team? Phil Kessel, sure, but not Luke Schenn and not Jonas Gustavsson and (with the possible exception of Nazem Kadri) not any prospect in their system.

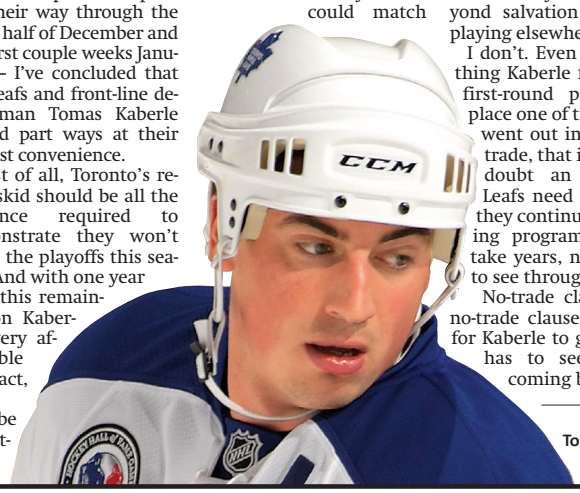
I first wrote about trading Kaberle two months ago — and the reasons to deal him have only increased since then. One of the biggest is the continued improvement of blueliner Ian White, who is on his way to a career season on offence and leads the Leafs in plus/minus.

That isn't to say White could match everything Kaberle brings to Toronto's lineup. However, a replacement-by-committee approach — featuring the puck-moving talents of White, Francois Beauchemin and rookie Carl Gunnarsson — would ensure there wouldn't be a discernable drop-off in back-end skill after Kaberle departs.

And honestly, if the Leafs are one of the worst teams in the league with Kaberle on the roster, does anyone believe they would be beyond salvation with him playing elsewhere?

I don't. Even if the only thing Kaberle fetches is a first-round pick to replace one of the two that went out in the Kessel trade, that is without a doubt an asset the Leafs need more of as they continue a rebuilding program that will take years, not months, to see through.

No-trade clause or no no-trade clause, it is time for Kaberle to go. Even he has to see the end coming by now.



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More traffic restrictions for Vancouver

Olympic organizers in Vancouver announced further road closures yesterday for a city already bracing for transportation chaos. The most significant addition is the security closure of the Cambie Street bridge, one of the main arteries into the downtown core. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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Driven by passion

Love of snowboarding motivates Maëlle Ricker

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

Snowboardcross athlete Maëlle Ricker is fast becoming a household name as she is touted as one of Canada's top gold-medal contenders for the 2010 Olympics.

But her drive to be faster and stronger isn't born of a perceived pressure to win a medal, but her simple love of being on the mountain.

"Winning isn't the motivating factor," she said.

"My love of snowboarding drives and motivates me.

"Sinking into a powder turn, airing out of the pipe, jumping cliffs in the backcountry and riding a race line that's on the edge all the way down a snowboardcross course are the reasons I'm in the start gate."

To win — and win at home on top of that — would simply be the cherry on the cake, she said.

Ricker, 31, was 19 when she competed in her first Olympics at the Nagano Games, and just missed a podium finish in snowboardcross in the 2006 Games in Turin.

In December, the native of Squamish, B.C., won her second consecutive women's snowboardcross race this season, bringing her to 28 podium wins — including 13 gold medals — on the FIS World Cup Tour.

She said she's spending the next month snowboarding as much as possible and pushing her level — as she knows all her competitors are.

"I am focused on the process of training and competing and doing what I need to do day by day to still have fun and feel like I'm progressing."

Knowing that the country is behind her, she said, is an added bonus.

"I am very excited that I have such good support of Canadians. I still feel like the luckiest person whenever I strap my board to my feet," she said.

"I hope people will watch snowboarding and want to go play in the mountains afterwards. Ultimately it's all about getting active and getting outside."

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Maëlle Ricker takes a run during the FIS Snowboardcross World Cup Qualifications on Dec.18, 2009 in Telluride, Colo.

Pound's remarks 'irresponsible,' says skating official

JUDGES It's irresponsible for Canadian IOC member Dick Pound to say figure skating judges could find themselves in a conflict of interest at the Vancouver Olympics, the head of Skate Canada said yesterday.

"It's clear to me he has not got a complete understanding of how the scoring system works now," William Thompson, Skate Canada's chief executive officer, told The Canadian Press. "Truthfully I think those are irresponsible comments."

Pound said figure skating faces a potential problem because judges are appointed by national federations and not the sport's international governing body.

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Visit Metronews.ca/work for an expanded Working at School feature that includes both the librarian profile below as well a profile on Dalia Procuta, a Ryerson University book-buyer. Working at different university book stores her whole life, she has some interesting stories to tell of her time spent with the printed page and the written word.

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Tech key for modern librarians

Working at School

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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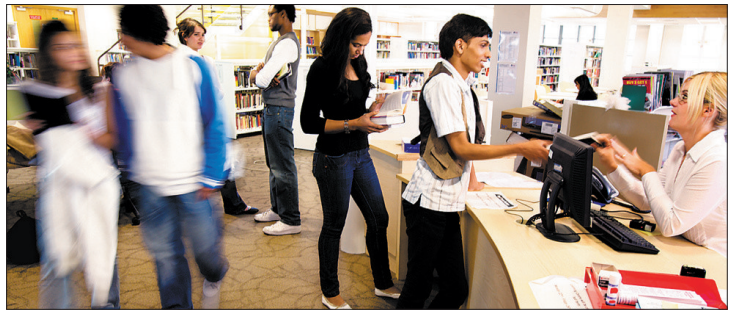
Information is power and helping students find information can be the most empowering act of all.

Shawna Sadler, 33, is a Technology Officer at the University of Calgary who heads the school's upcoming Taylor Family Digital Library. Sadler originally worked as an information architect in the web industry in the late 1990's but got trained as a librarian after working at UCal as a support staffer in the school's library system. She shatters the old stereotypes of the bookworm librarian and exemplifies the new paradigm of the tech-savvy, digitally-conscious information manager, digitizing more books than she catalogues and acting as a guide along the information highway rather than a gatekeeper.



Librarians now have to be tech savvy and used to fast-paced environments, librarian Shawna Sadler says.

"I'm interested in how technology improves the lives of people and the society they live in. You enable people to improve themselves. It's exciting, it's fun and it's hard but at the end of the day you've helped people," Sadler said.

When some students arrive on campus thinking research begins and ends with Googling something, Sadler takes pride in revealing how an immense wealth of information can be accessed with a huge variety of methods both online and offline.

She says copyright issues still prove some of the biggest challenges in her job because changing laws around information and changing attitudes to acquiring it are often at odds with each other.

"Open, scholarly work is becoming more prominent and our job is to help students find information in all ways possible. Disseminating that information and getting it into the hands of our students is a challenge, it's still a bit of a minefield," Sadler said.

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Real rags to riches story on the Den

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner

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It sounds like a Hollywood movie: A waiter becomes a salesman, then launches his own company, and becomes a multi-millionaire. But it's no imaginary tale. It's the true story of Robert Herjavec, the youngest Dragon on Dragons' Den.

There's more true drama. Herjavec lived in a ramshackle house with a dirt floor in Croatia until he was nine. Then his family immigrated to Canada. As the opening montage of Dragons' Den illustrates, they came to Canada with just $20. Today Robert owns one of the biggest houses in Toronto, and regularly jets to a private holiday paradise in Miami.

How did he do it? "I put myself in a position where I could get an opportunity to win," says Herjavec. He thinks that's the key to success in the business world — always saying yes to opportunities, even if you're nervous and don't feel ready. SEE HIS WHOLE STORY TONIGHT ON DRAGONS' DEN.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

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Avoid your closet skeletons

WorkplaceLaw

If you are being accused of some form of misconduct, do nothing further that suggests you are being untruthful, that can often make things worse for you, says columnist Daniel Lublin.

Employees are often the authors of their own misfortunes at work. Few take advantage of laws that are construed in their favour. Fewer will challenge their employer's decisions, however unjust. Most will just complain. But — if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some do's and don'ts:

Condonation: If you disagree with an employer's decision, such as not receiving a salary increase or promotion, you must immediately protest it and do so in writing. Failing to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with its decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain. Otherwise, don't try to argue the bonus you say you were promised must now be paid. Similarly, many good cases of harassment or constructive dismissal die on the vine because of a delay in mounting an appropriate response. If you want a court to believe that your job was rendered so intolerable that you had no option but to leave, then you should swiftly do just that.

Skeletons: Just about every employee has a skeleton in their closet. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to dismiss you, however unfair. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your reputation.

Investigations: If you are being accused of some form of misconduct, do nothing further that suggests you are being untruthful. Often, the initial allegation will quietly go away but by trying to cover-up even a small transgression you will give the employer the very cause to fire you it was so desperately seeking. In one recent British Columbia case, the court found the employee would have been entitled to damages but for his dishonesty during an investigation into his alleged misconduct.

Contracts: Do not take the position that your contract applies in some circumstances but should be thrown out in others. Employees get caught when taking advantage of contractual promises, such as a golden parachute, but then breaching that same contract's limitations on working for a competitor or speaking with their clients following departure. Many lawsuits turn sideways when the conduct you complain of is similar to what you have done.

Daniel A. Lublin is an employment lawyer with Whitten & Lublin LLP. Reach him at dan@toronto-employmentlawyer.com.

Pick your battles

- In one recent case, the employee lost because he challenged his employer's efforts to restructure, although it was done to limit lost inventory. Do not expect your employer's sympathy when you challenge good faith decisions to cut costs.

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e-Tron in Detroit

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Ridgeline redefines truck

Superior fuel economy, stylish interior prop Honda pickup

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With the 2010 Ridgeline's rugged unibody construction, there's no separation between the pickup bed and the cab, giving it a very solid looking, one-piece exterior.

When somebody says they're "not a truck person," I seldom take this as a snooty response to the idea of driving a "work" vehicle, but see this as one (or all) of three complaints:

- They've seen the interior of their roofer's stained and cigarette-burned 1978 F-150 and can't imagine being cradled in such 'luxury.'
- It's hard enough to manoeuvre and park in today's plaza and shopping mall lots without the added chore of finding a berth for the automotive equivalent of a Cunard liner.
- Buck-a-litre gas.

Need I say more?

One great way to get around all this is the 2010 Honda Ridgeline.

It's easy to dismiss the notion that current truck interiors don't deliver sedan-like comfort and amenities, especially when checking out some of the "limited" editions that can include power heated leather seats, dual-zone climate control, premium sound systems, navigation and more.

It's difficult, however, to counter the arguments against size and fuel economy — especially when some of today's full-size pickups are approaching and even exceeding 20 feet in length, not to mention slurping buckets of fuel in real world driving.

With these competing factors in mind, I approached the 2010 Honda Ridgeline wondering if it really could do just about anything a car, crossover or half-ton can do.

And after a week behind the wheel, I was not disappointed.

Perhaps the Ridgeline's best-known feature is its lockable and weather-resistant "in-bed trunk" that provides 241 litres of space below the cargo bed. It's surprisingly deep and provides enough space for three golf bags or a large load of groceries.

Throughout the Ridgeline's interior, there are a plethora of bins and cubbies, on the dash, roof liner, doors and between the seats.

Standard safety items include dual-stage, dual-threshold front airbags, front side airbags with passenger-side Occupant Position Detection System, side curtain airbags with rollover sensor and a tire pressure monitoring system with location indicators.

The Ridgeline's construction also contributes to its smooth ride, feeling of solidity and its minimum of squeaks and rattles.

All in all, the Ridgeline is an ideal balance between everyday comfort and practicality, and all-around utility.

In full EX-L trim (with navigation), the Ridgeline offers car-like comfort and amenities, along with an abundance of bins and cubbies throughout the interior.

2010 Honda Ridgeline

Type: Mid-size pickup
Price: from $34,990
Engine: 3.5-litre, 24-valve, SOHC, VTEC V6
HP: 250
Torque: 247 lb/ft
Fuel economy: 14.1/9.8 litres/100 km (city/highway)

Highlights

- Plenty of cargo space
- Superior fuel economy
- Plush interior in higher trims

Chevy offers remote starters

TECH With the country in the firm grip of winter, the scrunch, scrunch, scrunch sound of scraping ice from the windshield will leave most people cold — literally and figuratively.

On most 2010 Chevrolet models, a factory-installed remote start option makes winter temperatures a lot easier to take.

Remote start also can reduce overall emissions versus a cold-start drive-away because as the idling engine warms, it activates the catalyst that traps unburned hydrocarbons.

And no need to worry about a car thief jumping in and driving off. The vehicle doors are locked while remote start is running. Remote start runs for 10 minutes and then shuts off, unless the driver extends the time up to 20 minutes.

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In brief

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FCX Clarity for Niedermayer

Honda recently delivered a zero-emissions, hydrogen-powered Honda FCX Clarity fuel cell electric vehicle to its latest customer — 2010 Canadian Olympic hockey team captain Scott Niedermayer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Detroit Auto Show in brief

HYBRIDS There's no reason why Toyota wouldn't one day manufacture hybrids in Canada, especially if its new products prove to be as popular as the Prius, a senior Toyota Canada executive says. "We've said for a long time now we want to move hybrids across our lineup, so there's absolutely no reasons why hybrids could not be built in Canada," managing director Stephen Beatty said in a telephone interview from the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. "The issue is, when do we get to that critical mass in the market that makes production feasible?" he added.

PRODUCTION General Motors Co. may reopen some shuttered factories because it can't produce four new vehicles fast enough, and Chrysler is set to hire more engineers and product development workers as both companies foresee improved U.S. auto sales this year. Mark Reuss, GM's North American president, told reporters at the Detroit auto show Monday that factories building the Chevrolet Equinox, GMC Terrain and Cadillac SRX crossover vehicles and the Buick LaCrosse sedan are at or near capacity and can't satisfy demand.

LUXURY Ford Motor Co.'s Lincoln brand will take another run at the top luxury midsize crossover vehicles with its redesigned five-seat 2011 MKX. The vehicle, an upgraded version of the Ford Edge, gets a new 3.7-litre, 305-horsepower V-6, a more luxurious interior and new exterior styling.

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The Buick Regal GS concept, left, and the Cadillac CTS-V Coupe were among cars unveiled at the Detroit auto show.

No stopping Detroit party

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Michael Goetz

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"The market has demonstrated that no one is going to settle for one kind of very efficient vehicle. ... And that will keep the party going on in Detroit, and wherever cars are created and anticipated."

Considering how much upheaval there is in the auto industry at present, the 2010 North American International Auto Show, which kicked off Monday in Detroit, is surprisingly sane and upbeat.

No executives ran around like people with hair on fire.

Nor did we see electric vehicles completely take over the show, like gifted kids at a school assembly.

Nor did we see our lousy global economy suck all of the fun out of the room, like a giant anteater crashing an ant party.

The Detroit auto show continues to be a wondrous thing, and a great window into the North American vehicle market and its numerous storylines.

The "home" team's performance seems to always be the main story line, and GM and Ford were very solid, with many meaty, significant unveils (Ford Focus, Mustang GT, Buick Regal GS Concept, GMC Granite Concept, Cadillac CTS-V Coupe).

Chrysler on the other hand, didn't have an official press conference, indicative of its current holding pattern status until parent, Fiat, helps out with new product. But at least its display was somewhat interesting, with an upside Ram truck stuck on the ceiling, and a re-badged Lancia and an electric Fiat 500 to consider.

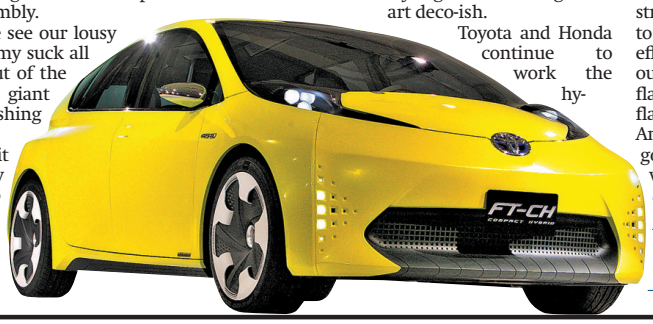
Among other reveals, Mercedes-Benz unveiled the show's first concept; some eye candy called "CLS Sculpture," which apparently signals how the brand might move away from its current wedge-like styling, to something more art deco-ish.

Toyota and Honda continue to work the hybrid angle.

Toyota showed FT-CH, a concept of a compact hybrid it might produce in a few years, and Honda showed the production-ready CR-Z, a smaller, lighter and sportier version of its Insight hybrid.

The continued diversification of hybrid and EV offerings, as well as the continued forays into "got-to-have-fun" vehicles (like the Mini Beachcomber concept and the Dodge Viper ACR 1:33), prove that major auto shows, like Detroit, are in no danger of becoming irrelevant — we may be moving to different propulsion methods, but the sheet metal we wrap around them will continue to be as diverse as they always have been.

The market has demonstrated that no one is going to settle for one kind of very efficient vehicle. We want our efficiency in every flavour there is… and in flavours yet to be invented. And that will keep the party going on in Detroit, and wherever cars are created and anticipated.



The Toyota FT-CH hybrid compact car

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3. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	577	232	339	571
3. Jean-Paul Osborne	QC, CA	596	233	338	571
3. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	593	231	340	571
6. Brian B	AB, CA	592	236	334	570
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	584	206	359	565
7. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	599	241	324	565
9. Feroz Mir	ON, CA	594	224	334	558
9. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	593	235	323	558
11. Tom Collier	NS, CA	608	252	305	557
12. Paula Almeida-Stille		592	234	321	555
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HWY 6.9L/100 KM (41 MPG)† CITY 9.4L/100 KM (30 MPG)†

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MODEL: 1999 to 2004 Ford Mustang
VEHICLE TYPE: Sports coupe Convertible
APPROXIMATE USED CAR RANGE: $4,000 to $25,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: 1999 saw the introduction of an edgy, chiseled and blocky look that defined the Ford Mustang for some six years. Many enthusiasts still insist this generation is the most distinctive and attractive Mustang iteration on the road.

This generation 'Stang came in any combination of V6 or V8 power, convertible or coupe body styles, and automatic or manual transmission. The V6-powered automatic Mustang is very common in the used market, while the V8, five-speed stick combo is the most popular with enthusiasts.

This era of Mustang's V6 engine made 190 horsepower, while the rorty V8-powered Mustang GT got 260. The latter engine is a solid, proven and reliable performer, not to mention an award-winner. Of course, all Mustangs drive the right wheels — namely the ones in the back.

Second Gear

All the 'must-haves' were on board — including power accessories, cruise control, air conditioning and the like. Some models included an upgraded Shaker audio system and power leather seats, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Like most enthusiast cars, Mustang owners typically gush about the styling, power, sound, character and history of their rides. Most love the 'bang for the buck' offered by the Mustang GT, too.

Owners rocking the V8 engine especially love the performance and inexpensive upgrades — while those with the V6 typically say their Mustang is a nice cruising car with decent mileage and performance.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Numerous Mustang owners have taken to the web to share their ownership stories. Common gripes include an unstable feel when driven in the snow or rain, poor interior build quality, squeaks, rattles, and limited space. The latter complaint typically centers around rear-seat headroom and trunk capacity.

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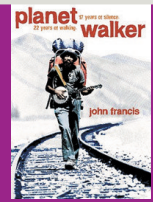

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Super Bowl hurricane set to hit Florida

From Miami up to Fort Lauderdale bracing for the year's biggest party scene

This year's Super Bowl is in Miami but all South Florida wants to play.

The region's three international airports give visitors the flexibility to try a variety of beaches, restaurants and social scenes on the mainland and south into the Florida Keys, said Rodney Barreto, chairman of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee.

"It's not a bad place to be entertained while you're waiting for the big game," he says.

More than 70,000 ticketholders are expected to attend the game, while more than 40,000 extra people will likely show up just for the parties and extracurricular activities, Barreto said. Many will extend their trips to include the Pro Bowl, also being played in Miami, on Jan. 31. Here's a sampling of what they'll find across South Florida:

Football festivities

The big game doesn't kick off until 6 p.m. on Feb. 7, but the pre-gaming starts days earlier. A Feb. 3 fishing tournament in Miami, organized by the host committee, honours Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, free-agent NFL defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley, who died last year when their boat overturned off the coast of Florida. Former NFL coach Jimmy Johnson hosts the Billfish Bowl, Feb. 4 to 6 in Key Largo; the sailfish tournament, billfishbowl.com, benefits Gridiron Greats, an organization helping retired football players with their medical costs.

Only VIP tickets remain for the Taste of the NFL fundraiser for hunger-relief groups on Feb. 6 in Fort Lauderdale. Taste of the NFL invites one chef from each city with an NFL team to cook with the help of an alumni player (tasteofthenfl.com). A Super Sunday Brunch is planned Feb. 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood.

Sightseeing

Let's be honest: People come to South Florida to see and be seen. Score an outside table at one of the restaurants on Lincoln Road in South Beach and watch shoppers, dog-walkers and beach-goers traipse by. Lounge chairs for rent on the beach offer a comfortable view of Miami Beach's best-known tourist attraction: people wearing next to nothing. NFL cheerleaders will show off their, um, skills in a beach competition Jan. 29 in Fort Lauderdale (battleofthebeauties.net).

Locals and tourists swarm beneath the neon hotel lights on beachfront Ocean Drive in South Beach. A less glitzy strip of hotels and motels is worth a drive across the causeway downtown: the MiMo Biscayne Boulevard Historic District,

Natural Florida

Winter is the most comfortable time of year to visit the Florida Everglades. The best way to traverse its swamps and sawgrass is by air boat. Tiny Coopertown — with just eight residents — is a tourism hub with air boat tours, a restaurant that serves Everglades delicacies such as frog legs, and an exhibit housing more than a dozen live alligators. (book a tour at coopertownairboats.com). A tram carries visitors around a paved, 24-kilometre loop at the Shark Valley Visitors Center in Everglades National Park (sharkvalleytramtours.com). Bicycles can also take you around the loop, but beware the speed bumps — those are alligators sunning themselves next to the pavement. An entire state park lies underwater off Key Largo. snorkeling, scuba and glass-bottom boat tours launch daily from John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park (pennekamppark.com).

Other Sports

Is the big game not enough? The Florida Panthers host the Calgary Flames in Sunrise on Feb. 5. The Miami Heat host the Houston Rockets on Feb. 9. The University of Miami men's basketball team hosts Georgia Tech on Feb. 10 in Coral Gables.

And it shouldn't be hard to find a golf course or a tennis court — this is South Florida, after all.

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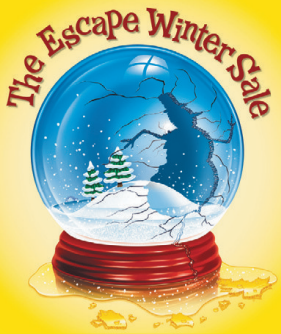

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Winter is perfect in Pacific Northwest

Midwinter's a fine time to daydream about summer backpacking. But if you want to stay at Washington's Enchantment Lakes — and it seems that much of the backpacking world does — you need to wake up and get moving.

Spending the night at one of the most beautiful high-country spots in the Northwest takes hard work, planning and more than a little luck.

You'll need to climb steep, rocky, sometimes slippery trails. You'll almost certainly need to win a lottery for a permit.

And you need to hurry — the U.S. Forest Service has moved up the window for the permit applications by three weeks to Feb. 1-8.

Every backpacker has favourite camping spots. But for most who ramble in this corner of the country, the Enchantments are on the must-do list.

And that's been the problem. The extremely fragile and, well, enchanting string of lakes nestled in glacier-polished rock in the Cascades are so popular the Forest Service strictly limits the number allowed to camp there — on average, about 60 people can stay each night. Demand is such and to give everyone a fair chance, it has a somewhat complex lottery system for issuing the special permits, which are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain for particular dates.

The Enchantments are about 120 kilometres east of Seattle in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Crystalline, ice-cold lakes with names like Perfection, Inspiration, Tranquil and Isolation dot a compact, three-kilometre-long basin rimmed by the jagged ridges of Little Annapurna and Prusik, McClellan and Dragontail peaks.

As late as the 1920s, much of the basin above 2,286 metres was covered by glaciers, and plants are only now pioneering rock exposed when the ice receded. In the lower reaches, there's just enough soil for low shrubs, berry bushes, twisted trees and wildflowers to exploit the few weeks of summer.

Steep, rocky and slippery trails mark Washington's Enchantment Lakes.

Be prepared

- Unless you're a skilled climber or athlete, for average folks this is a tough, steep, and potentially dangerous trip. Have good gear, be ready for snow and be smart enough to bail before you get into trouble.

You might find a family of mountain goats sharing the narrow trail. Not exactly tame, they seem willing to tolerate visitors as long as they behave themselves.

Reaching paradise is supposed to take effort and the Enchantments are no exception. There are two trails in. From the east, the Snow Lake route climbs about 1,676 metres in 16 kilometres. The Colchuck Lake trail from the northwest gains 1,341 metres in a little about 10 kilometres, but half of that comes in around one kilometre in the final trudge to Aasgard Pass.

Rich Haydon, wilderness resource manager with the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, says that despite the sweat required, it's still a relatively short hike to spectacular scenery above the timberline. For some, he says, "A winter trip to go up there to ski would seem reasonable and for other people the middle of summer's too much."

"Reaching paradise is supposed to take effort and the Enchantments are no exception."

Critical is knowing which one you are. For most people, Haydon says, June and early July before the snow clears is too early. Late July through August is the prime season, and while autumn can be beautiful, expect snow by mid-September.

Travelling from lake to lake can require scrambling up rock fields or inching across boulders. People have died doing that. On the basin's east side, you must cross smooth granite that quickly tapers from steep to vertical — "horrible with a few inches of new snow," Haydon says.

Overnight permits are required June 15 through Oct. 15. Last year, Haydon says, about 1,400 group applications were received by the March deadline, about double the number from a decade earlier. Of those, about a third got a permit for the "Core Enchantments," the actual high-country basin, another third got to stay at lakes within day-hiking range and the rest didn't get anything.

Adding the small number of permits set aside for daily drawings at the Leavenworth ranger station, about 8,000 people were allowed to camp last season at the Enchantments or nearby lakes. About 3,000 made the trip as a day hike.

Applications can't be postmarked before Feb. 1 and must arrive by Feb. 8. Haydon says all go into a great big box and are drawn randomly. He says most people understand the need for the limits as well as strict "Leave No Trace" rules to prevent crowds, chaos and the "beat-up look" before the wilderness area was created in the 1970s.

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Starstruck at Sun Valley

It seems everyone who spends time around Sun Valley has stories to tell of celebrity encounters.

They stood in line at the bookstore last week behind Bruce Springsteen, or at Tully's Coffee the other day with Arnold Schwarzenegger. They performed in community theatre with Bruce Willis in neighbouring Hailey or introduced themselves to Larry David at Dollar Mountain, one of the two ski areas that make up the fabled 74-year-old resort.

"You see movie stars and it just doesn't mean much after a while," said Bill Smith, a longtime Hailey resident. "They just come and go, and most of them are very nice."

Hollywood potentates, skiing, and a strong pride in local history merge seamlessly in this string of small communities in the northern Rocky Mountains. Sun Valley is a city of its own that includes a large resort and hotel complex. But the name is often used by visitors to describe the entire resort area of the Wood River Valley, including the cities of Hailey and Ketchum, a dozen miles apart.

The cultural and natural elements of this stunning valley form a complex realm that includes farmers, artists and local businesses, small local music festivals and large private jets, many dozens of great restaurants and a backdrop of towering mountains.

The Sun Valley Resort, near Ketchum, has upscale lodging for 1,200 in its main lodge building, an inn, condos, apartments and houses within walking distance of the lodge's heated pools and skating rink. The lodge has an unusual old-world charm heightened by its tall evergreens and abundance of snow. It's the kind of place where you might see a pair of young girls skating around the rink in black velvet frock coats. There are two ski mountains in the immediate area. One is Dollar, which at $40 US per day for adults is a magnet for families who send their young children snowplowing down the gentle slopes.

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History

- Established in 1936, Sun Valley is generally accepted as the first destination ski resort in the United States (though some argue the honour belongs to Peckett's-on-Sugar-Hill in Franconia, N.H., established in 1929). Union Pacific Railroad developed the first chairlift in the world at Sun Valley, said Jack Sibbach, director of public relations for the resort.

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North Dakota looks for tourist help

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Da Vinci hits Olympics

An important set of anatomical drawings by Leonardo da Vinci is being loaned by the Queen to the Vancouver Art Gallery for display during the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

It is the first time ever that all the drawings of Leonardo's Anatomical Manuscript A, part of the Royal Collection, have been on public view, the gallery says.

The manuscript, a treatise on the human body featuring 240 of Leonardo's pen and ink drawings, was way ahead of its time, says the gallery.

"Virtually every drawing is the finest depiction of a particular structure to that date and, in some cases, for several centuries to come," says curator Martin Clayton of the Royal Collection.

In the 1480s Leonardo began planning a treatise on what was the main subject of Renaissance artists - the human body, says the gallery.

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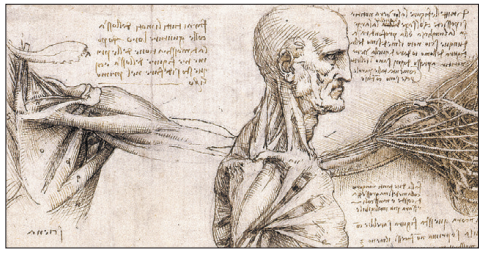

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World War II battleship re-opens

HISTORY The battleship where officials from Japan and the Allied Forces signed surrender documents ending the Second World War is reopening after three months of maintenance and repairs.

The former USS Missouri, now called the Battleship Missouri Memorial, came out of drydock last week and will start welcoming visitors again onFriday.

The ship is located in Pearl Harbor, moored a few hundred metres from the USS Arizona, a battleship that sank when Japan attacked Dec. 7, 1941, forcing the U.S. into the war.

The surrender documents were signed on the Missouri's deck on Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay.

The Missouri also served in the Korean and Persian Gulf wars before being decommissioned in 1992. The memorial opened in January 1999.

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Snow at first sight lists winners

COLD WEATHER People who have never experienced snow before are about to get their chance.

The Colorado Tourism Office announced three winners from its "Snow at First Sight" contest: Trevor Allison, 21, from Atlanta, Ga., Deena Bright, 30, from Hawaii, and Ruchu Adhikary, 25, from Melbourne, Australia.

Applicants were asked to submit videos explaining why they should win. The three winning snow virgins get an expenses-paid, three-month trip to Colorado from January through March. With help from local instructors and guides, contest winners will sample winter activities like snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, dogsledding, the all-important apres ski cocktail hour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bachelor/Bachelorette spin-off
Old rivalries and dramas from past seasons of The Bachelor and The Bachelorette will get new life this year as ABC is creating a spin-off show in which former contestants will live and compete together in a Big Brother-style house. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Fox in Armani
Giorgio Armani has unveiled the first images of Megan Fox appearing nearly-nude in its official worldwide Emporio Armani Women's Underwear and Armani Jeans 2010 campaign. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Matt Morris' album When Everything Breaks Open is the first full-length national release on Justin Timberlake's Tennman Records.

Ex-Disney kid releasing CD on Timberlake's label

MUSIC Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera and others went on to pop stardom after appearing on The All New Mickey Mouse Club as kids.

Co-star Matt Morris just wanted to go home to Denver. "I didn't want to rush toward a rich-and-famous contract," said Morris, now 30, tattooed and married, with a dark beard framing a grin. "I just wanted to go to high school."

He kept in touch though, writing songs with and for Timberlake and Aguilera over the years.

Now Morris is releasing his own full-length album — out today — on Timberlake's Tennman Records. When Everything Breaks Open is the first full-length national release for Timberlake's label.

"I've never been treated like someone who gets a free ride just because I'm a friend," Morris said of Timberlake. "We've held each other to a really high standard, even when we were kids. We don't just let things slide."

"I've known Matt since I was 10," Timberlake said in an email, "so we've watched each other grow up with music around us constantly. It goes without saying that I think Matt is beyond gifted, and it's just nice to have a forum where he can put his music out and trust the person taking care of it."

Morris got his start in music early. Dad is country musician Gary Morris and mom sings and plays piano. As his mother tells it, she would sing a note to him in her arms when he was a baby and he would sing it back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Album details

- Matt Morris' new album When Everything Breaks Open was produced by Timberlake and Charlie Sexton. Timberlake, Patty Griffin and Edie Brickell provided background vocals. Songs include piano ballads as well as songs with elements of soul, funk and radio pop.

Chan gets domestic

Action star proves he's got acting chops too in new role

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In his latest stunt-filled movie, The Spy Next Door, Jackie Chan adds a new element to his usual bag of tricks: A love interest.

In the film — opening Friday — Chan stars as a retired spy trying to woo a single mother and win over her three young children when his old job comes back to haunt him.

Chan talked to Metro about working with kids, dealing with new technology and why you won't see him doing a nude scene anytime soon.

Renowned martial artist and actor Jackie Chan takes on a role that includes a love interest and kids in The Spy Next Door. The film features Chan as a retired spy trying to woo a single mother.

Q How was it working with the kids?

A Difficult. On the set sometimes, I'd want to take a rest for 20 minutes, but then it's, "Jackie, I want to learn some karate," "Jackie, I want to do this," "Show me magic." I had prepared all these tricks to entertain them. It's not easy being a babysitter. Besides, I have to protect them on the set, with all the action sequences. I make sure everybody's safe, especially the children. I have to be very careful.

Q How important is it to vary the types of films you make?

A I think for the last 10 years, you can see there are different Jackie Chans. In Japan, I made a very heavy drama called Shinjuku Incident — not for children. I wanted to let the audiences see what I can do. After that, I made The Spy Next Door, then a black comedy, then the Karate Kid. I want the audience to know I'm a true actor who can fight, not a fighter who can act. Just like Robert De Niro. I want to be an actor. An actor can work forever. An action star's life is very short.

The Spy Next Door opens in theatres on Friday

Q Do advances in special effects make your job easier?

A Yes and no. I want to learn some things about special effects. Last year or two years ago, I cannot remember, I visited James Cameron's set for Avatar. I've been making movies for 47 years. After I looked at his set, I was just like a kid in kindergarten. You give me all that technology, I don't know how to use it. That's why I film the basic things. Simple, two cameras. So all those years I've just been doing Jackie Chan-style action. I would like to do these kinds of things, but I can't.

Q This is the first time you've had a serious love interest in a movie.

A Finally, yes. In my movies, we don't have kissing scenes or making love scenes. We don't have those kinds of things. I don't think audiences want to see Jackie Chan naked or making love. And also there are so many children watching my movies. A small kissing scene is OK. But I would rather do action sequences.

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Conan isn't too happy with NBC

Conan O'Brien has refused to play along with NBC's plan to move The Tonight Show and return Jay Leno to late-night, abruptly derailing the network's effort to resolve its scheduling mess.

O'Brien said in a statement Tuesday that shifting Tonight will "seriously damage what I consider to be the greatest franchise in the history of broadcasting," and he expressed disappointment that NBC had given him less than a year to establish himself as host at 11:35 p.m. EST.

He doesn't have an offer in hand from another network, O'Brien said. Fox, which lacks a network late-night show, has expressed its appreciation for him but said this week that no negotiations have been held.

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In his statement, wryly addressed to "People of Earth," the comic knocked his network's prime-time ratings woes, which stem in part from the poor performance of Leno's new prime-time show. The Jay Leno Show debuted in the fall after Leno surrendered his 17-year stake in the Tonight last spring to O'Brien.

"It was my mistaken belief that, like my predecessor, I would have the benefit of some time and, just as important, some degree of ratings support from the prime-time schedule. Building a lasting audience at 11:30 is impossible without both," O'Brien said.

Tonight has long been the dominant late-night program on television, with O'Brien following in a line of hosts that included Steve Allen, Jack Paar, Johnny Carson and Leno. For many of those years, an appearance on Tonight, particularly for comics, could make or break a career.

NBC wants to move Leno out of prime-time and to the 11:35 p.m. slot with a half-hour show, bumping Tonight to 12:05 a.m. — the latest it's ever regularly aired. The network was under pressure to make a change from its affiliate stations, who found Leno's show an inadequate ratings lead-in for their lucrative local newscasts.

NBC declined comment Tuesday, adding that O'Brien was scheduled to do his show Tuesday night.

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Entertainment in brief

SPIDEY CENTS The delay in bringing Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark to Broadway has prompted its producers to offer refunds to theatregoers who had purchased tickets for performances that at one time had been expected to start Feb. 25.

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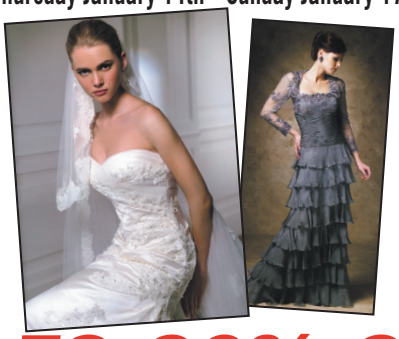

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Don't expect Lost sequel

Producers offer few clues about season finale

When ABC's drama Lost ends in May, it will definitively end — don't look for any sequels or spinoffs.

The show's producers said Tuesday they've known the final image of the mythologically dense series about Oceanic Airlines Flight 815 since the first season, although Carlton Cuse said the last episode hasn't been written yet. It will air sometime in May.

Cuse and Damon Lindelof were giving away few secrets to the show's rabid fans at a news conference Tuesday, even refraining to show video clips. They said the show's sixth and final season will hearken back to its first, and most popular, season in 2004.

"Get ready to scratch your heads."
Damon Lindelof, Lost producer

The producers were initially sweating about their two-hour season opener, scheduled for Feb. 2, when they heard President Barack Obama had been considering that night for his State of the Union address.

It promises to be a challenging episode; actress Emilie de Ravin said she had to read the script three times before it made any sense.

"Get ready to scratch your heads, America," Lindelof said.

A one-hour recap special, an attempt to get uninitiated or casual viewers as familiar with the story as they can, will precede the opener.

In its lifetime, Lost proved that it's possible for a television series to challenge its viewers and pull off production values that rival feature films, said Stephen McPherson, ABC entertainment president.

"It will arguably be one of the most influential shows of the decade, if not of all time," McPherson said.

One secret producers did reveal: actress Cynthia Watros, who played the character Libby before being killed off in the second season, will return this year.

"Finally, all of your questions (about Libby) will be answered," Cuse said.

They're hoping that final show is something that will be talked about afterward in much the same way as the diner scene that ended The Sopranos.

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Canadian actress Evangeline Lilly, one of the stars of Lost.

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FILM An animated adventure about a widower who sails away in a house lifted by a bouquet of balloons and an up-close look at a bomb-squad unit in Iraq were the top critical favourites of 2009. Now Up and The Hurt Locker are top winners at the Golden Tomato Awards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Strong, but losing ground

With Cowell leaving , American Idol faces challenges

With Simon Cowell's days numbered and Paula Abdul already gone, this season is shaping up to be the end of an era for the most-popular show in the United States, Fox's American Idol.

But when it comes to living up to its title — creating a superstar act that captures the imagination of millions — the power of Idol has been ebbing for years. (The new season of Idol started last night.)

While the show produced multiplatinum sensations in its earlier days, starting with Kelly Clarkson and ending with Carrie Underwood, recent Idol winners or runners-up have not had similar chart success.

Kris Allen, last year's champion, has sold about 200,000 copies of his debut album. And while his Idol runner-up, Adam Lambert, proved to be more popular and controversial, even his debut hasn't stayed at the top of the charts for long.

"When you start thinking about American Idol as a place that feeds the music business, it's not as much as people think it is," said Howard Benson, who produced the first two CDs for Idol finalist Chris Daughtry's multi-platinum band, Daughtry. "It's fallen off."

Of course, "fallen off" is all relative when you're talking about a show that's been the undisputed ratings champion since it debuted in 2003. It has produced millions and millions in albums sales, Grammy Awards and even an Oscar winner in Jennifer Hudson, who is also a Grammy winner and successful recording artist. Even the also-rans of "Idol" have managed to parlay a stint on the show into career success.

"It is by far still the most watched show on TV — even more watched in some years than the Academy Awards and the Grammys or anything like that" says Ann Donahue, senior editor at Billboard magazine.

"But actually translating those people who watch the show into buying albums remains difficult."

Like the rest of the music industry, Idol is battling a decline in music sales. But even taking that into account, the drop-off in sales and buzz for Idol winners is telling.

When Clarkson became the show's first winner in 2003, her album, Thankful, debuted at No. 1 and sold a healthy 297,000 copies, and had hits like A Moment Like This and Miss Independent. It went on to sell 2.7 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The next year, champ Ruben Studdard sold 1.8 million and had the hit Sorry 2004. Clay Aiken, that year's runner-up, did even better, selling 2.7 million copies of his CD Measure of a Man.

Studdard was followed by Fantasia, whose Free Yourself also sold 1.8 million and had the R&B hit Free Yourself.

Underwood established herself as the show's most successful winner — her country debut sold nearly seven million copies with major crossover hits like Jesus Take the Wheel and Before He Cheats.

But the next winner, Taylor Hicks, was a major disappointment, selling 700,000 copies of his self-titled debut. Jordin Sparks followed with a platinum self-titled debut CD and hit songs, while David Cook had a platinum CD, also self-titled but without the hits.

This year, Idol champ Kris Allen released his self-titled CD to little fanfare. It didn't debut at the top of the charts and now sits at No. 91 on Billboard's Hot 200 albums chart and hasn't generated a top hit thus far.

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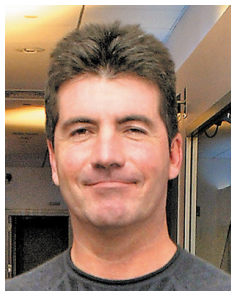

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LAWSUIT The news snapshot shows Roman Polanski standing at a window, a thin slice of his face visible amid an opening in the curtains. The French paper that printed the photo saw it as a newsworthy depiction of the director's life under house arrest in his Swiss Alpine chalet.

Lawyers for the Chinatown director say that the December 2009 photo and many others invaded his privacy as well as his family's, and he and his wife are suing four French publications, two newspapers and two magazines for a total of about $224,000 US.

Roman Polanski

In a hearing yesterday, Polanski lawyer Marion Gregoire said the suits were an attempt to put an urgent stop to the media spotlight on the filmmaker and his family that has intensified in the months since a 32-year-old sex case against him was revived.

"The legal case against Polanski in no way justifies the paparazzi's stalking of his wife and children," Gregoire said.

Polanski's had lived for three decades before he was arrested in September on a U.S. warrant while en route to a Swiss film festival. He spent more than 60 days in detention in a Swiss jail before being transferred to house arrest in his Swiss vacation home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican slams Avatar for eco-spiritualism message

MOVIES The Vatican newspaper and radio station have called the film Avatar simplistic and criticized it for flirting with modern doctrines that promote the worship of nature as a substitute for religion.

L'Osservatore Romano and Vatican Radio dedicated ample coverage to James Cameron's big-grossing, 3-D spectacle. But the reviews were lukewarm, calling the movie superficial in its eco-message, despite groundbreaking visual effects.

L'Osservatore said the film "gets bogged down by a spiritualism linked to the worship of nature." Similarly, Vatican Radio said it "cleverly winks at all those pseudo-doctrines that turn ecology into the religion of the millennium."

"Nature is no longer a creation to defend but a divinity to worship," the radio said. A Vatican spokesperson said that while the movie reviews are just that — film criticism, with no theological weight — they do reflect Pope Benedict XVI's views on the dangers of turning nature into a "new divinity."

"Nature is no longer a creation to defend, but a divinity to worship."
Vatican Radio

In a recent World Day of Peace message, the pontiff warned against any notions that equate human person and other living things. He said such notions "open the way to a new pantheism tinged with neo-paganism, which would see the source of man's salvation in nature alone."

The Vatican newspaper occasionally likes to comment in its cultural pages on movies or pop culture icons.

In one famous instance, several Vatican officials spoke out against The Da Vinci Code. In this case, the reviews came out after a red carpet preview held in Rome just a stone's throw from St. Peter's Square.

The story of the tall blue creatures who inhabit Pandora and contend with humans intent on grabbing the resources of their planet has made over $1.1 billion at box offices worldwide. Partly boosted by higher 3-D ticket prices, Avatar looks well on its way to becoming the biggest grossing movie of all time. "So much stupefying, enchanting technology, but few genuine emotions," said L'Osservatore Romano, which devoted three articles to Avatar" in its Sunday editions.

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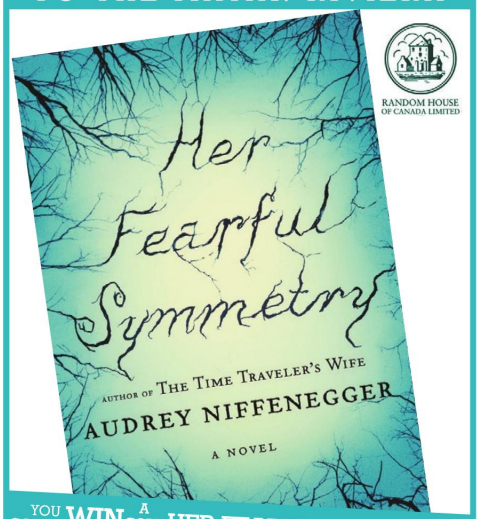

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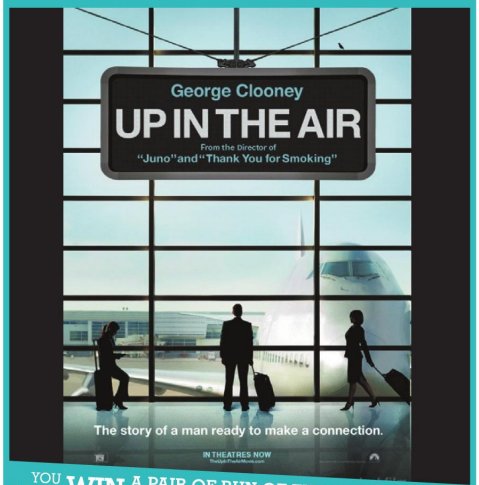

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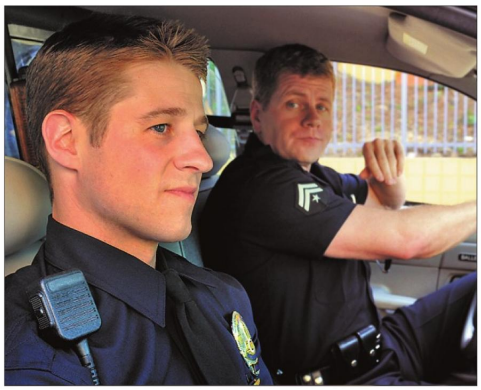
NBC goes back to the script

With Leno gone, dramas ready to make a comeback

Drama is already back on NBC at 10 p.m.

That was one of many wisecracks launched by Jay Leno after NBC announced that next month Leno will be given the heave-ho from prime time and returned to late night after a disastrous experiment slotting his cheap-to-make but ratings-challenged talk show weeknights at 10 p.m. ET this season.

With that proclamation from the network, overjoyed producers of scripted drama could again look forward to getting a crack at those 10 p.m. hours, as they had before The Jay Leno Show took up residence with loads of hype last September.



Cop drama Southland was bumped by The Jay Leno Show.

"We understand that our scripted shows have to compete with reality shows and other things to get on the schedule, but now we have a shot," said Shawn Ryan, creator of the FX cop drama The Shield.

Until now, the gritty police drama Southland stood as a chilling object lesson in how scripted shows (and the people who make them) were fated to be treated by NBC.

"Our scripted shows have to compete... but now we have a shot."
Producer Shawn Ryan

Created by John Wells, Southland inherited the Thursday-at-10-p.m. hour occupied by ER. Airing six episodes, Southland scored critical praise and enough viewers to win a fall pick-up, but at 9 p.m.

But by October, the network announced the show was being cancelled. A marginal ratings performer suited to a later time slot NBC could no longer offer, Southland was bumped for an edition of Dateline NBC.

By November, Southland had been snapped up by TNT, the Time Warner-owned cable network. It was scheduled to air on TNT Tuesdays at 10 p.m., starting this very week.

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Dodging an awkward social bullet
Jennifer Aniston won't have to avoid ex Brad Pitt — or Angelina Jolie — at next Sunday's Golden Globe Awards. Neither Pitt nor Jolie will be in attendance at the event. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Set to say 'I do' again?

DIDN'T THE LAST MARRIAGE TEACH YOU ANYTHING? Paul McCartney is reportedly making secret preparations to marry U.S. heiress Nancy Shevell, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Beatles legend is said to be keen to tie the knot for a third time with Shevell, his girlfriend of nearly two years, and organized a family meet up in the Caribbean earlier this month to discuss their future together with his children.

"Paul and Nancy's relationship is rock solid and there's no mad hurry for a wedding," a friend of the 67-year-old musician told the Daily Express newspaper. "Next year has certainly been mentioned as the most likely time, but neither of them want some big deal made out of it.

"It's almost certainly going to be done very discreetly over in the U.S. and Paul would ideally like to do it without any publicity beforehand, but whether he could pull that off is another matter."

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Channing's scalding hot incident

IT'S NOT FUNNY, REALLY In the February issue of Details, actor Channing Tatum, 29, opens up about surviving a painful accident that caused severe burns to his penis, people.com reports.

The incident happened when he was shooting the drama The Eagle of the Ninth last October in the freezing cold Scottish Highlands.

"The only way to keep warm was by pouring a mix of boiling water and river water down your suit," Tatum, 29, tells the magazine.

"We were finally done shooting for the day, and one of the crew guys asks if I want to warm up before I go. I'm like, 'Nah, I'm good'. And then I thought, Why not?

"Thing is, he'd forgotten to dilute the kettle water," he continues. "So he poured scalding water down my suit."

Tatum was rushed to the nearest hospital — an hour away — and morphine eventually did the trick to dull the pain, he says, but it was still embarrassing.

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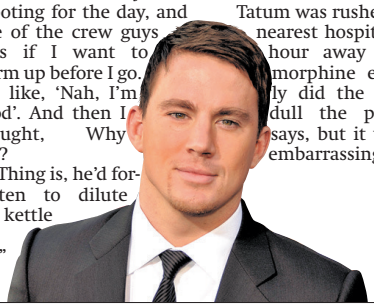

Britney's beau is not like other boyfriends

HE'S NOT A SCUM BAG Britney Spears' boyfriend is no womanizer. Multiple sources are slamming a recent tabloid claim that Spears' beau Jason Trawick cheated on the singer at L.A. club Roger Room Dec. 30 — including Milana Rabkin, one of the women spotted with Trawick on the night in question.

A source explains to usmagazine.com that the Dec. 30 gathering at Roger Room was a birthday party for "one of Jason's bosses" at WME, the Hollywood agency that employs Trawick.

"I used to work at WME. It was my old boss' birthday and we were all hanging out," Milana Rabkin, 22, tells usmagazine.com exclusively. She and Trawick, she says, "worked together" recently. "We send him scripts," says Rabkin who now works at Energy Entertainment. That night at Roger Room, she and a friend joined Trawick and a married male WME colleague to talk shop.

Trawick and Spears, 28, have been dating since spring of 2009. Pals have told Us Weekly that the Hollywood agent has stood by the pop star in her darkest days, and has become close with her two sons.

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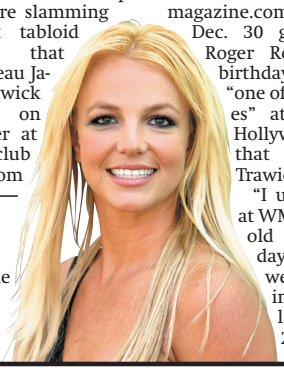

Diamonds are not forever

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KEEP THEM IN YOUR GLOVEBOX Usher claims he was the victim of a serious Christmastime jewel heist — when someone jacked $1,000,000 in jewellery from the back of his car, TMZ is reporting.

The website says it all went down in Atlanta on Dec. 14, when Usher and a friend were in an AT&T store and someone broke into his GMC Yukon and took whatever they could get.

According to the police report, Usher claims the bandit made off with all sorts of Christmas gifts and personal belongings including $50,000 US in furs, a computer and more than a million bucks in jewellery that he happened to have in the car at the time.

The website says Usher told police he's worried about some never-before heard voice tracks that were on the computer.

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Please don't have any kids

THIS TIME THE VOWS WILL STICK, RIGHT? Amy Winehouse is reportedly returning to her Caribbean hideout in St. Lucia to remarry ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil, according to the Daily Mail. Winehouse spent most of 2009 camped out at an island resort trying to clean up her act.

But the ceremony will have to wait, as Fielder-Civil has another month to go on his court-appointed rehab program. Winehouse reportedly told a friend, "Everything feels right with Blake now. As soon as he's cleared to leave the country and his drug rehab is done, it will happen."

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Family first, but which one?

KEEPIN' THE HOME FIRES BURNING His rekindled romance with Sienna Miller reportedly has Jude Law thinking about settling down again, according to Hollyscoop. The Sherlock Holmes star is even thinking of proposing, sources say.

"Sienna was always the one. And now she is back in his life he never wants to let her go again," one source confirms. "Jude did some serious thinking over Christmas in Britain with his ex-wife Sadie (Frost) and the kids. And he realizes just how important family life is to him."

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STAN LEE isn't much of a negotiator, **JESSICA SIMPSON** is having one heck of a new year, **SARAH SILVERMAN** is thinking of others in need, and **"WEIRD" AL YANKOVIC** is having trouble adjusting to 2010.

@smilinstanlee My mind wanders at business meetings. Everyone's discussing budgets and I'm wondering why that guy's wearing such a funny looking tie.

@JessicaSimpson Something about 2010 makes me feel like a child again..enchanted places with brighter colors turning my dreams into a vivid picture book :)

@SarahKSilverman I'm hungry. Like, I'm getting super peckish. But it humbles me because I realize like, this is what life's like in Darfur all the time.

@alyankovic It's already the second week of January and I'm still writing 1983 on my checks. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Marky Mark is a Daddy Dad again

IT'S A GIRL! Mark Wahlberg and wife Rhea Durham welcomed their fourth child, a daughter, on Monday, according to Star magazine. Margaret Grace was born at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

"Mark was in the delivery room with Rhea," a source says. "He cheered her on all the way. Rhea was a real trouper, and now they can't wait to get home and be a big happy family with their four kids."

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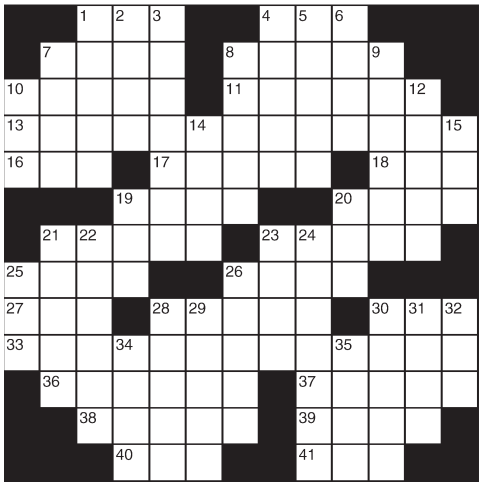

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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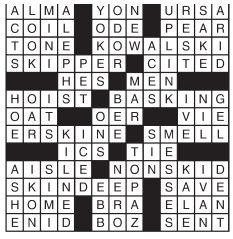

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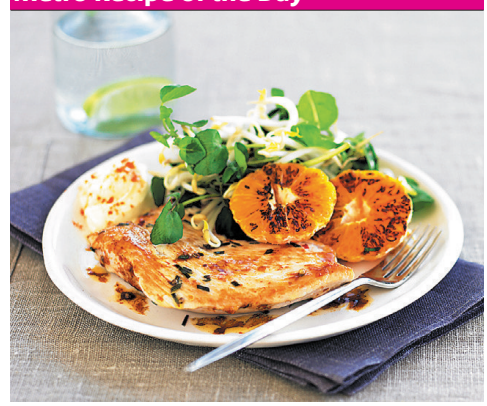
Metro Recipe of the Day



Mandarin Turkey with Bean Sprout and Watercress Salad

INGREDIENTS:

4 skinless boneless turkey breasts
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh rosemary
1 tsp (5 mL) crushed chili flakes
1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander seeds, coarsely crushed
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
4 mandarin oranges
14 oz (400 g) bean sprouts
2 2/3 oz (75 g) watercress
8 scallions, sliced
4 tsp (20 mL) sugar
8 tbsp (125 mL) mayonnaise

METHOD:

1. Put turkey steaks into shallow dish. Sprinkle with rosemary, crushed chili flakes, coriander seeds and 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil. Season and turn to distribute seasonings.

2. Peel mandarins, then slice in half across middle and discard seeds.

3. Mix sprouts, watercress and scallions; divide among four plates.

4. Heat frying pan over high heat. Brush turkey with remaining oil. Cook over high heat until well browned and cooked through. Transfer to plates.

5. Add mandarin halves to pan, cut side down, and cook 30-60 seconds. Transfer to plates, browned side up, and top each half with 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sugar. Add dollop of mayonnaise to each plate. Serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You enjoy upsetting the odds and doing what others say cannot be done. You'll enjoy today.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Do something different today, something no one would expect of someone as self-controlled as you.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you want to impress a person who means a lot to you today then do whatever it takes and don't worry how much it might cost.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You have nothing to worry about and everything to look forward to, so cheer up and focus on all the good things that will be coming into your life.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Whatever problems you face today you must approach them from all possible angles. Don't limit your options.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Maybe you're in one of those moods when you enjoy wallowing in self-pity. If so, snap out of it. Wallow instead in the wonder of the world.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You've had to hold back from showing your true feelings in recent weeks but now you will most likely go right the other way and be emotional.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Put money worries and work issues firmly behind you today and do something that makes you feel good about yourself.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Promise yourself here and now that no matter what happens today you won't take it too seriously and you won't take it too personally.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
This is a thoroughly enjoyable time for you and it will get more enjoyable still over the next few days.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You won't hesitate to help someone in need today, but the planets warn that a lot of their problems are of their own making.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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